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## **KC MAN INDICTED FOR NORTHLAND BANK ROBBERY**

**KANSAS CITY, Mo.** – Todd P. Graves, United States Attorney for the Western District of Missouri, announced that a Kansas City, Mo., man was indicted by a federal grand jury today for robbing Bank of America.

**Fanes Romelus**, 32, of Kansas City, was charged with stealing \$3,838 from Bank of America, 2260 Armour Road in North Kansas City, Mo., on Dec. 5, 2005. Today's indictment replaces a federal criminal complaint that was filed against Romelus on Dec. 13, 2005.

According to the affidavit filed in support of the original criminal complaint, **Romelus**, wearing a black ski mask and carrying what appeared to be a black semi-automatic handgun, approached a bank teller. The affidavit alleges that **Romelus** ordered the teller to give him money, then stated, "It's not enough, give me more!" He allegedly put the money into a backpack and left the bank in a white Pontiac Transport SE minivan.

When law enforcement officers contacted the owner of the minivan, the affidavit says, she told them her boyfriend, **Romelus**, had left the apartment that morning to take one of her children to school. She added that he was the only person with access to her minivan. In a search of the minivan, officers found a plastic container for a toy handgun and a backpack that matched the description of the one used in the bank robbery.

Graves cautioned that the charge contained in the indictment is simply an accusation, and not evidence of guilt. Evidence supporting the charge must be presented to a federal trial jury, whose duty is to determine guilt or innocence.

This case is being prosecuted by Assistant U.S. Attorney K. Michael Warner. It was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the Kansas City, Mo., Police Department.

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